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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [0001], [0023], [0046], and [0067] in the specification as recited below:

[0001] This application is related to the following commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications: U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(attorney docket no. 101-948097US)~~ 10/821,608, filed April 9, 2004, entitled "Sharing Content on Mobile Devices" and U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(attorney docket no. 101-948098US)~~ 10/822,187, filed April 9, 2004, entitled "Spam Control for Sharing Content on Mobile Devices," both herein incorporated by reference.

[0023] The method and system described herein allows users of mobile devices to share content with other users via mobile messaging and other similar techniques, while at the same time minimizing the sending and receiving of unwanted share content messages (e.g., spam). In general, and as described more completely in U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(attorney docket no. 101-948097US)~~ 10/821,608, the share content application makes sharing content easy for both users and content providers and helps to overcome difficulties associated with the limited input capabilities of small devices. For example, a user of a mobile device finds interesting content and wants to send it to a friend. The user then selects a share content link on the content page, which is provided by the content provider, who created the share content link based on an application program interface (API). The request to share content is sent to a share content application, which then sends a recipient identification form to the user's device. The user identifies the friend (or friends) by filling out and submitting the recipient identification form. The user's friend (or friends) then receives a content link via a message or alert (e.g., a WAP Push message). The friend can choose to act upon the received message by loading a URL provided in the message, or can ignore it or delete it.

[0046] After the user has completed the input form, at a subtransaction 320, the content sender device 116 submits the completed form to the share content application 104. At a subtransaction 322, the share content application 104 may check for spam, a process that is described in more detail in U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(attorney docket no. 101-948098US)~~ 10/822,187. At a subtransaction 324, the share content application 104 checks the recipient status to determine whether each specified content recipient device 118 subscribes to a service associated with the share content application 104 or is a cross-carrier recipient, a process that is described in more detail with respect to Figures 6 and 8. At this transaction, the share content application 104 may also check for information about the recipient devices to determine whether they may be compatible with the content or applications to be shared, a process that is described in more detail with respect to Figures 6 and 7.

[0067] Referring to Figure 8, and as described briefly with respect to Figures 6 and 7, share content messages may not only be sent among devices with different capabilities but also among devices that subscribe to different mobile service providers. When the share content application receives a share content message request where the recipient is a cross-carrier recipient, the share content application may perform a routine 800 in conjunction with a cross-carrier service, such as the cross-carrier service 132 of Figure 1. At block 802, the user selects a friend with whom to share content (e.g., using recipient information form). At block 804, the share content application checks if the user is crossing spam boundaries (e.g., see U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(attorney docket no. 101-948098US)~~ 10/822,187 (incorporated herein by reference[[]])). At block 806, the share content application checks local databases to determine whether the specified recipient is a subscriber to the associated wireless service provider, and to determine whether the recipient device subscribes to a sufficiently advanced wireless service (e.g., a 2.5G cellular network employing technology such as GPRS).